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Napa Sanitation District Board Agenda Letter

TO: Honorable Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Certify IS/MND Addendum for Solar Project

RECOMMENDATION

Certify the Addendum to the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Napa Sanitation District Solar Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In May 2015, the District executed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for a photovoltaic (PV) system with SunPower Corporation (SunPower) and executed an amendment to the PPA in September 2015. SunPower will construct a 1MW PV system on the District property located at 1515 Soscol Ferry Road which will generate electricity for use by the District at the Soscol Water Recycling Facility.

ESA performed an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) which was submitted to the State Clearinghouse on October 19, 2015 for a 30-day public review period that ended on November 17, 2015. The State provided a letter on November 18, 2015 acknowledging that the IS/MND is in compliance with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents pursuant to CEQA. On December 2, 2015 the Board made an environmental determination on the IS/MND, concurring with the recommended mitigations and CEQA determination that by implementing specific mitigation measures the project's impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level per Section 15064 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines for the Napa Sanitation District Solar Project. On December 3, 2015 staff filed a Notice of Determination for the project with the County Recorder.

SunPower proposed minor changes to the alignment of underground electrical to decrease the length of the electrical conduit and improve access to the District's driveway during construction of the Napa Sanitation District Solar Project. ESA prepared an Addendum to the IS/MND to incorporate the change in alignment and determined

the change would not result in any new impacts or increase the severity of impacts previously identified in the IS/MND.

Staff is requesting the Board to certify the Addendum to the IS/MND.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Please refer to the Executive Summary.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The PV project is expected to save the District approximately \$2,000,000 over the next 25 years. The cost of materials and installation of the project will be paid for by SunPower Corporation.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Solar Project - IS/MND Addendum

Napa Sanitation District: Approve

Reviewed By: Timothy Healy